

Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas August 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

List of 11 Robertson Street Proceedings

Roll call present Aldermen Campbell  
Hicks Warren Dickie Carrington Robertson  
Erden and Brush &

Absent Aldermen Schneider Odell  
Pilow Hancock Wells Schubert Underhill  
Crooker Odell Hill Platt and Brunnen or

On motion of Alderman Robertson the  
Council was called and the Marshal  
sent after the assentee

Aldermen Schneider Pilow Wells Odell  
and Platt came in and answered to  
their names. 6<sup>th</sup>

Call of the Council suspended

The following Call of the Council was read  
Mayors Office

Austin Tex August 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

To the Aldermen of the City of Austin

A special meeting of the City Council is  
hereby called to meet at the Council rooms  
on this Monday evening at 8 o'clock for  
the purpose of receiving the report of the  
sale of city Bonds and to provide for the  
payment of certain claims against the  
City and to transact such other business  
as may then be presented for your consideration

Very Truly &

Your Oft Servt  
J W Robertson  
Mayor

The following message was received from His  
Honor the Mayor.

Called August 25<sup>th</sup> 1884

James  
Hawley  
Sol. C. H.  
James  
C. H.

Mayors Office

Austin Texas August 25 1884

Gentlemen of the City Council

On June 25 1884 you passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$40,000 of the bonds of the City. I at once procured the Bonds as provided in the ordinance, to be engraved by Messrs. M. Strickland and Company of Galveston, and the same was delivered and signed on August 10 1884 on the same day Messrs

Forster Stewart and Habicht made an offer of ninety five cents on \$38,000 net to the City for the entire issue. This offer was made known to our home Bankers and Capitalists, and they were afforded the opportunity to buy at an advance on this bid, if they so desired. No further or better offer could be obtained, and our Bankers advised the prompt acceptance of the terms offered.

Mr A. P. Wooldridge acting in this matter as the financial agent of the City accepted the proposition of Messrs Forster Stewart & Habicht for \$38,000 net without any expense to the City in transporting the Bonds to New York or in transferring the money from New York to Austin. The sale and transfer is now completed and the money \$38,000 is in the hands of the City Treasurer.

The expenses of negotiating these bonds have been comparatively small. I paid for engraving the sum of \$116.40 for telegrams relating to the sale Wooldridge \$16 Robertson 6.50 These items constitute the entire expense of the City in this transaction.

On July 1st the semiannual payment of interest on the City debt held in New York fell due and it became necessary to meet it. In order to do this a loan had to be negotiated, as the City at that time had no money in the Treasury and the current taxes for the year had all been collected and expended. To meet this emergency the mayor and Finance Committee effected a loan of \$3,000 from Mr A. P. Wooldridge for sixty days at

the rate of one per cent. per month interest.  
 This note matures on August 4<sup>th</sup> and I ask that  
 an appropriation be made to meet this sum.  
 There is also due the City Water Company as  
 shown by their account of July 1 \$6000. and to  
 C. D. Johns on judgment in the district Court  
 \$1250. with interest since last November. The  
 City owes other valid claims now on file with  
 the City Clerk amounting to several thousand  
 dollars more. The Finance committee has care-  
 fully examined these claims and have approved  
 such as appear to be proper demands against  
 the City. A considerable number of these claims  
 have been postponed for further evidence. The  
 Finance Committee has prepared an ordinance  
 making an appropriation to pay all of these  
 claims which have been approved by them, and  
 I trust that it will meet with your approval.

After all these claims are liquidated there  
 will remain in the treasury several thousand  
 dollars to the credit of the general revenue.

I submit herewith the report of sale of  
 the bonds by Mr. A. P. Woodridge. His services in  
 this matter were of great value to the City. He  
 has devoted much time and attention to  
 the negotiation of these bonds, and has greatly  
 aided in effecting the same. He magnanimously  
 declines any compensation for his services,  
 as will be seen by his report.

Very Respectfully &  
 Your Ob't Servt.

J. W. Robertson  
 Mayor

Dear Sir,  
 I enclose a copy of the  
 letter of A. P. Woodridge in regard to the  
 sale of City Bonds.

Austin Texas Aug 4 1884

Hon J. W. Robertson

Mayor of the City of Austin

Sir. I beg through you to report a sale  
 of the \$40,000 Austin city ten and twenty 6 per cent.

Called, August 25, 1884.

bonds to messrs. Stewart Foster & Cabicht for account of northern purchasers at 90 cents flat.

I beg further to state that I make no charges for the services rendered. I do this for two reasons. The first is that I have not incurred any great expense or labor in making this sale. The second and principal reason is, that I desire the City should realize as nearly as possible through my efforts, the same price you only offered me as an independent buyer. I at one time offered 98 cents flat for the bonds to your predecessor, Mr. Dayot through Mr. Chas A. Newring their financial agent of the City with the understanding that his commissions were to be 2 per cent; or 98 cents net to the City. The present sale, making a rebate of my commissions of two per cent, nets the city 95 cents for its bonds, but one per cent less than could have been realized in May last, when money matters were much easier than at present.

Respectfully

A. P. Woolridge

Financial Agent of City of Austin

Brook  
Chair H.  
Woolridge

Alderman Pillow offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to Mr. A. P. Woolridge for the valuable services rendered in negotiating City Bonds

Alderman Schubro came in and answered to his name

Citizens  
Hydrants  
H. R. C. 21.

Alderman Pillow presented a petition from Citizens of the 1+2 wards requesting the Council to have fire hydrants located on Pecan street west of Rio Grand street

Referred to the Fire Commissioner

A Petition was received from Mrs C. H. Moran asking that she be allowed to lay a pavement of sand and gravel instead of rock or brick as provided for by an ordinance in regard to pavements on Beam street.

Referred to the Street Committee

The Petition of Charles Koch in regard to leasing from the City part of the river walk was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Underhill came in and answered to his name.

The Finance committee submitted the following report on an ordinance referred to them in regard to allowing a discount on Taxes when paid before required to do so by law. The report was adopted.

Hon J. W. Robertson Mayor and members of the City Council

Mr. The undersigned Finance Committee to whom was referred the above ordinance repealing an ordinance allowing a discount on taxes when paid before required to do so by law) recommended that it do pass.

J. W. Odell  
W. Mads  
Finance Committee

The Finance Committee called up an ordinance entitled an ordinance repealing an ordinance passed July 6, 1887 and approved July 7<sup>th</sup> 1887. permitting persons to pay their taxes before required to do so by law.

The ordinance was read second time and then read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote. Hon aldermen Schneider, Gillow, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Mads, Warren, Driskill, Odell, Barrington, Robertson, Blatt, Ervin & Brush, 10.

August 20, 1884 Called

\$14,714.01

The Finance Committee submitted an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$14,714.01 to pay approved accounts. the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was lost. but afterward reconsidered, and the ordinance read second time under suspension of the rules.

Alderman Underhill moved to amend the ordinance by striking out all except the item to <sup>pay</sup> amount due Mr. Woolridge by the City

Alderman Odell offered an ordinance as a substitute for the motion of Alderman Underhill. appropriating the amount due Mr. Woolridge amendment. The motion to strike out and the substitute ordinance was laid on the table.

The motion to place the ordinance on its third reading was lost by the following vote: yes aldermen Wells, Campbell, Maas, Warren, Odell, Carrington, Robertson, Platt, Ervin, and Brush 10. Nays aldermen Schneider, pillow, Schuberg, Underhill and Driskill. 5.

<sup>Resignation</sup> Alderman Driskill present the following letter of resignation

To the Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor  
Sir: I would most respectfully hereby tender you my resignation as a member of the street Committee

Very Respectfully

J. W. Driskill

<sup>Resolution</sup> Alderman Campbell introduce a resolution providing that when members of the council are absent from council meeting they shall be fined,

The motion to refer the resolution to the ordinance committee was lost the motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost.

Read and approved Sept. 1, 1884

On motion the Council adjourned

T. G. Purcell  
City Clerk